

**HAWKINS COVE**  
**CLASS II NATURAL-SCIENTIFIC STATE NATURAL AREA**

**COUNTY:** Franklin

**OWNERSHIP:** State of Tennessee

**7.5' QUADRANGLE:** Sewanee

**ACREAGE:** 235 Acres

**PHYSIOGRAPHIC PROVINCE:** Cumberland Plateau

**YEAR DESIGNATED:** 1985

**DESCRIPTION:** Hawkins Cove is a 235-acre natural areas located in Franklin County. It was originally acquired by The Nature Conservancy of Tennessee and then sold to the state to protect a population of Cumberland rosinweed (*Silphium brachiatum*). Cumberland Rosinweed is a type of sunflower found only in Tennessee on the Cumberland Plateau. The natural area forest consists mostly of an oak-hickory forest that occurs on a north facing colluvial slope. A powerline right-of-way traverses the property. There are a few small limestone cedar barrens found scattered on the property. The barrens and openings provide the best habitat for Cumberland Rosinweed. The natural area is part of the South Cumberland Recreation Area.

**SITE MANAGEMENT:** South Cumberland Recreation Area, Route 1, Box 2196, Monteagle, TN 37356, phone (931) 924-2980. Division of Natural Heritage, 401 Church Street, 14th Floor L&C Tower, Nashville, TN 37243-0447, phone (615) 532-0431.

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Public access is limited; parking or hiking trails are not provided at this time. Hunting is allowed in the area by permit. Contact the South Cumberland Recreation Area office to obtain a permit. The natural area is operated by Tennessee State Parks. Call South Cumberland Recreation Area or the Division of Natural Heritage for additional information.

**DIRECTIONS:** Hawkins Cove is located halfway between Sewanee and Cowan along the south side of Highway Alt. 41.